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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081; FRUITRIDGE VISTA WATER COMPANY, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

On 19 February 2009, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) office issued a NOA for regulatory coverage under General Order R5-2008-0082-001 (Limited Threat General Order) to the Fruitridge Vista Water Company (Discharger) for discharges from its water distribution system. On 27 February 2009, the Discharger requested to terminate the Limited Threat General Order coverage and requested coverage under General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (Low Threat General Order). Based on the information submitted by the Discharger, we have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the Low Threat General Order. Coverage under the Limited Threat General Order is hereby terminated and this NOA is assigned to General Order No. R5-2008-0081-029 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001.

The Low Threat General Order (enclosed) may also be viewed at the following web address: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire document. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA, the Low Threat General Order, and with the information submitted by the Discharger.

CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING

The Low Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxics Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, 2005, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP). The Discharger requested a categorical exception to the requirement for meeting the CTR pollutant criteria in the Low Threat General Order, as authorized by Section 5.3 of the SIP. The Discharger certified that its discharges are necessary to implement drinking water control measures

conducted to fulfill statutory requirements under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the California Health and Safety Code.

The receiving waters are not listed under the Clean Water Act 303(d) List of impaired water bodies, therefore, no additional effluent limitations for pollutants of concern will be added to the coverage under the Low Threat General Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Discharger supplies potable water to residential and commercial users. The service area covers approximately four square miles of south Sacramento County. The Discharger operates 20 groundwater wells, two booster pump stations, approximately 450 fire hydrants, and 25 blow-off valves. Discharges are necessary as a result of mandatory system operating procedures of these facilities.

Three types of discharges occur from the water system. Well pump-to-waste discharges occur automatically according to pressure settings. These discharges are of potable water that has not been chlorinated. Well rehabilitation discharges are occasionally necessary to redevelop existing wells. Lastly, discharges from flushing of hydrants and blow-offs are required to maintain sanitary conditions in the distribution system. The discharges enter storm drains and Morrison Creek.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Discharger is required to comply with all the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in the Low Threat General Order. This includes notifying Regional Water Board staff 24 hours before the start of each new discharge, notification of noncompliance or anticipated noncompliance, and quarterly reporting of monitoring results. Effluent and receiving water monitoring shall be conducted and submitted to the Regional Water Board on a quarterly basis. You must submit quarterly reports even if there is no discharge or receiving water flow during the reporting quarter, until Regional Water Board staff formally terminate your coverage under the Low Threat General Order. Most reporting requirements are found in Attachment E of the Low Threat General Order. Please reference your unique order number, R5-2008-0081-029, in your correspondence and submitted documents. All monitoring reports and discharge notifications shall be to Ann Hopkinson, who may be reached at (916) 464-4835 or by e-mail at ahopkinson@waterboards.ca.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger will be required to follow its Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Plan. Discharge of material other than what is described in the application is prohibited.

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Board) shall be submitted until this NOA is officially terminated. You must notify this office in writing if the discharge regulated by this Low Threat General Order is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this Low Threat General Order and avoid additional unnecessary billing.

Failure to comply with the Low Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability. Some late reporting and effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation [California Water Code Section 13385(h) and (i)]. If you have no discharge during a quarterly monitoring period, you must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you may be subject to MMPs.

If you have a question regarding the permitting aspects of your Low Threat General Order coverage, please contact David Kirn of our office at (916) 464-4761 or at dwkirn@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding monitoring, discharge notification, compliance, or enforcement issues, please contact Ann Hopkinson at (916) 464-4835 or at ahopkinson@waterboards.ca.gov.


for PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (Discharger only)

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